

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Friday, December 16, 2011 through Monday, January 23, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

Page S8743

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Kevin McNulty, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India.

16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Page S8743

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Richard Sorian, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011. Page S8743

Messages from the House: Page S8731

Measures Placed on the Calendar: Pages S8693, S8731

Enrolled Bills Presented: Page S8731

Executive Communications: Pages S8731–33

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S8734–35

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S8735–42

Additional Statements: Pages S8730–31

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S8742

Privileges of the Floor: Page S8742

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8743.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 31 public bills, H.R. 3696–3726; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94–95; and H. Con. Res. were introduced.

Pages H9925–28

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H9928

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9799

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 939 and

Pages H9801–10, H9821–22

**United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011:** Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2867, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. Pages H9810–12

**Suspension:—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on December 14th:

**Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2011:** S. 278, amended, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 413 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 940. Pages H9822–23

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 296 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 941.

Pages H9812–21, H9823–H9902, H9905–06